

REMARKS

Claims 1-60 have been canceled and new claims 61-100 have been added. All claim cancellations are made without prejudice or disclaimer.

Election/Restriction:

The Office asserts that claims 1-43 (Invention A) are drawn to an invention distinct from claims 44-60 (Invention B). New claims 61-74 correspond to former claims 1-43 and new claims 75-88 correspond to former claims 44-60.

Applicants hereby elect Invention A, recited in new claims 61-74.

With respect to the species elections directed to former claims 1-43, wherein applicants are instructed to elect a single distinct embodiment in each of Groups I through V, the applicants note that the species of Groups I, II and IV have been consolidated into Markush groups in the new claims (claims 63, 64, 70), which should not be subject to a species election (*see*, MPEP § 803.02). Therefore, the applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the species election for Groups I, II and IV.

In the event that the Office maintains the species election, the applicants elect the following species:

Group I: methamphetamine of new claim 63:

Group II: saliva of new claims 64 and 65: and

Group IV: poly(vinylidene difluoride) of new claim 70.

With respect to Group III and Group V, the applicants elect the following species:

Group III: saliva of new claim 66; and

Group V: alkaline phosphatase of new claim 72.

As noted by the Office, upon allowance of a generic claim, claims to additional species may be rejoined. The Office acknowledged that claims 1, 43-53 and 60 were generic, which claims correspond to new claims 61, 74-83 and 87, and 88, which are also generic.

CONCLUSION

In the event that questions remain after entry of the amendments and consideration of the remarks herein, the Office is kindly invited to call the applicants' representative at the number provided herein.

Respectfully submitted,



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